

Paraprofessional Training Resources

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Below you will find a number of resources that may be useful to you in planning and delivering training for paraprofessionals in your district. The list is not exhaustive, but rather a compilation of resources that are known to be available. This is not necessarily a recommended list and it will be important for district personnel to evaluate the services of each vendor/contractor.

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On-Line Training:	
<p>Alaska Department of Education www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/sped/home.html (In the left column, choose <i>State Improvement Grant</i>. From the <i>Select</i> section, choose <i>E-Learning Modules</i>. Click on <i>Getting Started</i> in the <i>Select</i> section. Go to the Username and Password section and click on <i>spreadsheet</i>. Fill in the necessary fields in the spreadsheet and e-mail it to cathy_anderegg@eed.state.ak.us .)</p> <p>Alaska Department of Education & Early Development Special Education</p>	<p>"Education and the Paraeducator" is an instructional module series that has been developed to assist school districts in providing a comprehensive training program for paraprofessionals that enables them to work alongside their professional colleagues in the delivery of educational services. Each module has been designed to give the paraprofessional a solid base of information in each designated area and to assist him/her with the application of new knowledge in the instructional setting.</p> <p>There is no cost for this program.</p>
<p>http://www.paraeducator.net/default.cfm</p> <p>The MASTER Teacher Leadership Lane PO Box 1207 Manhattan, KS 66505-1207</p>	<p>The ParaEducator Learning Network was launched in October 2001 and satisfies training requirements for most of the basic skills that paraeducators and instructional assistants need to be effective in the classroom. The training is flexible; it can provide a substantial portion of the required training or serve as an excellent supplement to existing staff development programs. The Learning Network also helps schools meet the challenge of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.</p> <p>The cost varies per size of district. Please go to http://www.paraeducator.net/pricing.cfm .</p>
<p>University of Nebraska-Lincoln at http://para.unl.edu/</p> <p>For more information contact: Al Steckelberg 318G Barkley Center University of Nebraska-Lincoln (402) 472-5491 als@unlinfo.unl.edu</p>	<p>This is a fairly comprehensive training program with the feature of allowing for individual self-study or an arranged supervisory study. "Paraprofessional Self-Study Program" and "Supervisors of Paraprofessionals Self-Study Program". These programs are already on-line.</p> <p>There is no cost for this program.</p>

Individual Presenters:	
Patricia J-G Mullen PR Behavior Consultants P.O. Box 5210 Wenatchee, WA 98807-5210 (509) 886-7111 prbehave@nwi.net	Presents trainings throughout the United States and Canada. The trainings are based upon her work experience as a paraprofessional, special education teacher, behavior intervention specialist, and consultant with an Educational Service District serving four counties in central Washington.
Barbara Jo Stahl Palm Productions, LLC 10111 Cedar Lake Road, Suite 115 Minnetonka, MN 55305 (612) 595-8223 www.palmproductions.com	Barbara Jo Stahl has lead Minnesota to the forefront of paraprofessional staff development and is a leading expert on the future of the role and function of paraprofessionals.
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Nancy K. French, Ph.D. Associate Research Professor The University of Colorado-Denver PARA ² Center 1380 Lawrence St. Suite 650 Denver, CO 80204-2076 (303) 556-6464 nfrench@ceo.cudenver.edu	This center offers three training programs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modules for Training Paraprofessionals; 2. Supervision of Paraprofessionals; and 3. Teacher and Paraprofessional Team Training.
Judi Hall 511 E. Curling Dr. Boise, ID 83702 (208) 368-9601	Judi has developed and provided paraprofessional training in several states in the Pacific Northwest. She produced a CD-ROM for the State of Alaska, which has a complete package of training related to Alaska's standards for paraprofessionals.
Universities & Colleges:	
Lewis-Clark State College Tom McFarland 500 8 th Avenue Lewiston, ID 83501 (208) 799-2836 tmcfarland@lcsc.edu	LCSC offers several courses that align with Idaho's standards for paraprofessionals. There are a limited number of stipends available for paraprofessionals who wish to complete these courses.
College of Southern Idaho Tracey Meyerhoeffer 315 Falls Ave, PO Box 1238 Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238 (800) 680-0274 Ext. 2174 (208) 733-9554 Ext. 2174 tmeyerhoeffer@csi.edu	CSI has implemented a State Board of Education approved Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degree Certified Education Assistant Programs. There is a Special Needs Assistant (paraprofessional) path within each of these degree options. Scholarships are available for paraprofessionals.

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http://www.uvm.edu/~cdci/paraprep/entry.html University of Vermont Center on Disability and Community Inclusion For more information contact: Michael F. Giangreco 802-656-1144 mgiangre@zoo.uvm.edu	This site provides some on-line training materials including Paraprofessional resources and a learning center as well as links to other resources. It also contains a model for the effective use of paraprofessionals to support students with disabilities in general education classes.
Packages:	
Utah State University Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation College of Education 2865 Old Main Hill Logan, UT 84322-2865 Toll Free: 1-877-722-3991 http://www.trisped.org/esp/intro.htm	A series of print-plus-video training programs specifically designed for in-service and pre-service training of classroom personnel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for paraprofessionals working in special education and inclusive classrooms • Training for teachers in how to effectively supervise paraprofessionals and • Training for job coaches working with youth in transition from school to employment
Personal Planner and Training Guide for Paraprofessionals Master Teacher Leadership Lane Box 1207 Manhattan, KS 66505-1207 (800) 669-9633	This material is especially useful for training entry level paraprofessionals.
The Nat. Resource Center for Paraprofessionals in Education and Related Services Graduate School and Univ. Center City University of New York http://www.nrcpara.org/resources.htm	A core curriculum and training program to prepare paraprofessionals to work in inclusive classrooms serving school age students with disabilities, to prepare teachers to supervise and work effectively with paraprofessional personnel and to prepare paraprofessionals to work with learners who have LEP.
http://www.lrcconsulting.com/LRCPar_aeducator-Training.html	These modules were developed so that persons possessing knowledge and experience with the included topics could conduct quality staff development for paraprofessionals with a minimum amount of planning time.
members.aol.com/CurrSol/Paras4.html	Four (4) workbook course by Curriculum Solutions, Inc. to accelerate the new paraprofessionals learning. The cost is \$47.50.

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Specialty Areas:	
Assistive Technology RIATT@NASDSE	RIATT@NASDSE offers a competency certificate for paraprofessionals in the area of assistive technology.
ESL/bilingual Carole Hunt Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory 101 SW Main, Suite 500 Portland, OR 97204 (503) 275-9482 huntc@nwrel.org	Workshops tailored to a school district's needs are provided to strengthen on-the-job performance of paraprofessional working ESL/bilingual classrooms or in classrooms that have second language students. The workshops provide interactive activities. There is no charge for these workshops.
Communication Mary Ann Parlin SKI-HI Institute Utah State University 6500 Old Main Hill Logan, UT 84322-6500	This program offers 24 practical, self-instructional training modules on tape with an accompanying workbook. The title of the series is, "Communication Training for Paraeducators Interacting with Children with Disabilities".
Intensive Behavioral Interventionist Laura Sandidge University Affiliated Programs Project Coordinator 1023 E. Lincoln Nampa, ID 83686 (208) 467-7524 laura@micron.net	This course was developed by the University Affiliated Programs. It addresses the certification requirements for those interested in providing Intensive Behavioral Intervention (IBI) services. IBI is a new service option offered by Medicaid.
Inclusive Classrooms Laura Sandidge University Affiliated Programs Project Coordinator 1023 E. Lincoln Nampa, ID 83686 (208) 467-7524 laura@micron.net	Inclusive Classrooms – Strategies for Educators, which is sponsored by the DD Council, teaches hands-on inclusion techniques and strategies to paraprofessionals, teachers, parents and administrators in order to increase the skills of students with disabilities in the general education classroom by improving their abilities in the areas of Behavior Management, Assistive Technology, Curriculum Adaptations and Positive Behavior Supports. This is a two-day class offered for optional credit.

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Websites:	
http://medianet.aea6.k12.ia.us/cat/ww784.htm	This website offers a variety of training options, subjects, and materials for paraprofessionals.
www.usc.edu/dept/education/CMMR/Clearinghouse.html	National clearinghouse for Paraprofessional Resources.
http://web.gc.cuny.edu/dept/case/nrcp/	A bibliography of articles can be found at this Website.
www.bates.ctc.edu/instruction/paraeducator/para00.htm	Video-based courses for paraprofessionals.